

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the above Amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested. By the present Amendment, claims 16 - 18 have been cancelled, claim 9 has been amended, and claims 19-25 have been added. The Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been added by this Amendment and also submit that the claims have not been amended for reasons related to patentability.

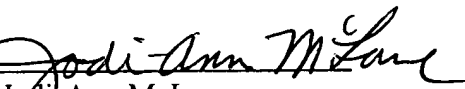
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the Applicants respectfully submit that all of the claims pending in the above-identified application, namely claims 1-15 and 19-26 are in condition for allowance and a notice to that affect is earnestly solicited.

If the case is found by the Examiner not to be in condition for allowance, then Applicants hereby request a telephone or personal interview to facilitate the resolution of any remaining matters. Applicants' attorney may be contact by telephone at the number indicated below to schedule such an interview.

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